

A total of 72 weanling pigs (initially 5.3 kg and 21 d of age) was used in a 28-d growth trial to determine the influence of blood meal source on starter pig performance. Pigs were blocked by weight into four replications of six pigs/pen. The three blood sources tested were flash-dried bovine, spray-dried bovine and spray-dried porcine. All diets contained 10% dried whey and were calculated to 1.25% lysine, .31% methionine, .9% calcium and .8% phosphorus. All diets were formulated to contain 2.5% of each blood meal source. Calculated amino acid concentrations for flash-dried bovine, spray-dried porcine and spray-dried bovine were: lysine 7.25, 9.37, 11.0; methionine .80, 1.0, 1.41; isoleucine .88, .76, .92; tryptophan 1.10, 1.62, .97; and threonine 4.07, 4.27, 4.49, respectively. Analyzed amino acid concentrations were: lysine 8.01, 7.53, 7.66; methionine .72, .88, 1.05; isoleucine 1.04, .91, .77; tryptophan .75, 1.67, 1.61; and threonine 3.13, 3.62, 3.96, respectively. Pigs consuming the diets containing the spray-dried blood meals had improved ADG and G/F compared to pigs fed the diet containing flash-dried blood meal during d 0-14 ( $P < .01$ ) and the overall period ( $P < .05$ ). The response was magnified during the first two weeks postweaning with differences decreasing as the trial progressed. There were no differences ( $P > .19$ ) between spray-dried bovine and spray-dried porcine blood meal during the 28-d trial. When using blood meal as a protein source for the early weaned pig, it is imperative that the blood meal is a high quality, spray-dried product.

Item	Flash-dried bovine	Spray-dried bovine	Spray-dried Porcine	CV, %
d 0-14 ADG, g <sup>a</sup>	102	169	157	12.1
ADFI, g <sup>a</sup>	210	251	254	4.7
G/F <sup>a</sup>	.49	.67	.61	8.2
d 0-28 ADG, g <sup>a</sup>	245	323	294	8.5
ADFI, g	424	477	456	8.1
G/F <sup>a</sup>	.58	.68	.64	4.7
Fig wt d 28, kg <sup>a</sup>	12.1	14.3	13.6	4.5

<sup>a</sup> Contrast spray-dried vs flash-dried ( $P < .01$ ).

Key Words: Spray-dried blood meal, Flash-dried blood meal, Starter diet.

A total of 72 bred gilts were used in three trials, 24 gilts per trial, to study the effects of heat stress and energy intake on embryo survival. Gilts were moved into the environmental chambers on d 3 postmating and allotted to treatment. Four treatments were made by combining two dietary energy levels (5400 and 8100 kcal ME intake daily per gilt) with two environmental temperatures in a 2 X 2 factorial arrangement. Diets were formulated to equalize daily nutrient intake for each gilt except for ME. Intake was 1.60 kg/d for gilts fed 5400 kcal ME/d. The 8100 kcal ME diet was made by adding .35 kg lard to the 5400 kcal ME diet. Temperature in the hot chamber was gradually increased from 25°C at 0800 to 34°C at 1400 and kept at 34°C until 1600. Then temperature was gradually lowered from 34° to 25°C at 2000, and kept at 25°C until 0800. Thermoneutral chamber temperature was kept constant at 23°C. Diets were fed once a day at 0800. Water was supplied *ad libitum*. At d 30±2 postmating, the gilts were slaughtered. Reproductive tracts were collected and backfat thickness was measured. Number of corpora lutea and live embryos, and embryo length and weight were determined. Trials were pooled and the data were analyzed by ANOVA with a factorial arrangement of the treatments. There was no interaction ( $P > .05$ ) between dietary energy and temperature for any criteria measured. Gilts housed in the hot chamber had fewer ( $P < .05$ ) embryos than gilts housed in the thermoneutral chamber. Gilts fed the high energy diet had a larger number of live embryos ( $P < .06$ ) which resulted in a higher percentage of embryos ( $P < .02$ ) that survived to d 30. Gilts fed the high energy diet had a greater ( $P < .001$ ) backfat thickness and daily gain than gilts fed the low energy diet. In conclusion, the detrimental effects of heat stress on embryo survival in early gestation were confirmed. However, a high energy diet may increase embryo survival.

Key Words: Gilts, Heat Stress, Embryo Survival

Two experiments were conducted to determine the feeding value of barley cultivars with or without enzyme supplementation on performance of growing-finishing pigs. In experiment 1, 120 pigs (37-97 kg) were assigned to 10 treatments arranged as a 5 x 2 factorial in 6 randomized complete blocks (pens) with 2 pigs per pen. Five barley cultivars (Advance, Karl, Lud, Steptoe and 9044) were fed with or without 0.1 Irgazyme 100, a crude pectinase mixture from Ciba-Geigy Corporation. There was no barley x enzyme interaction in any of the data, no enzyme effect on performance during the grower phase and no differences in ADFI throughout the trial. Average daily gain of growing and finishing pigs fed Lud (.82 kg) was greater ( $P < .05$ ) than those fed Karl (.73 kg) but similar to Advance, Steptoe and 9044 (.79, .78 and .77 kg, respectively). Feed to gain ratio (F/G) of pigs fed Lud (3.12) was better ( $P < .05$ ) than pigs fed Karl (3.48) or 9044 (3.42) but not different from pigs fed Advance (3.19) or Steptoe (3.28). Enzyme addition improved ADG ( $P < .05$ ) from .77 to .82 kg and decreased F/G ( $P < .05$ ) from 3.4 to 3.52 during the finishing phase (61-97 kg). In experiment 2, 360 pigs (21-104 kg) were allotted to 6 treatments in a 2 x 3 factorial arrangement with 12 replicates of 5 pigs per pen randomly blocked in time. Gallatin and Steptoe barleys were fed with no enzyme, 0.05%  $\beta$ -glucanase or 0.1% Porzyme SF 100, a mixed enzyme product containing  $\beta$ -glucanase, cellulase, xylanase and pectinase activities, manufactured by Finnfeed International. There were no differences in ADG or ADFI throughout experiment 2. Growing pigs (21-50 kg) fed Gallatin had better ( $P < .05$ ) F/G (2.42) than those fed Steptoe (2.51) and there was a similar trend during the finishing phase. There was a barley x enzyme interaction in F/G during the finisher phase (50-104 kg). Addition of  $\beta$ -glucanase to the diets decreased F/G of pigs fed Gallatin from 3.53 to 3.33 while there was no effect of  $\beta$ -glucanase on F/G of pigs fed Steptoe. Likewise, addition of Porzyme SF 100 decreased F/G of pigs fed Gallatin from 3.53 to 3.42 but the effect on pigs fed Steptoe was only very slight, a decrease from 3.42 to 3.38. In conclusion, enzyme supplementation of barley diets improved efficiency of feed conversion in both experiments, primarily during the finishing phase of growth, but this effect may be related to barley cultivar.

Key Words: Barley variety, Swine, Enzyme supplementation

Sixty crossbred primiparous sows were randomly assigned in a 2 x 2 factorial arrangement to two treatments. During gestation, sows received either a standard level of feed (1.85 kg/d; SL) or were allowed to eat *ad libitum* (AL), and received an injection of either .75 IU insulin/kg BW or an equal volume of saline daily from d 1 to 7 of lactation. Sows were subjected to a glucose tolerance test (1 g glucose/kg BW i.v.) on d 1 of lactation prior to insulin treatment and to an epinephrine challenge (.4  $\mu$ g/kg BW i.v.) on d 3. All sows were allowed to eat *ad libitum* during lactation. Exogenous insulin increased ( $P < .07$ ) ADFI through d 7 of lactation and increased ( $P < .09$ ) cumulative feed intake on d 7 and 14 of lactation. Cumulative feed intake on d 21 of lactation was greater in SL than in AL sows but was not affected by insulin treatment. After glucose infusion, peak glucose concentration was not different between treatments, but AL sows had an increased ( $P < .01$ ) latency for glucose to return to baseline concentration. Peak concentration of insulin after glucose infusion was not different ( $P > .4$ ) but the area under the curve formed by insulin concentration was greater ( $P < .05$ ) in AL sows. Epinephrine infusion resulted in baseline and peak concentration of plasma nonesterified fatty acids (NEFA) that were higher in AL sows and were not affected by insulin treatment. Area under the curve formed by NEFA concentration was greater in AL sows, was decreased by insulin injection in SL sows, but was increased by insulin injection in AL sows ( $P = .07$ ). The data indicate that overfeeding during gestation may reduce feed intake during lactation by causing insulin resistance in AL sows.

Key Words: Sows, Feed Intake, Insulin